

**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: MARK L. WAECHTER
APPLICATION No.: 09/972,050
FILED: October 5, 2001
FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
COIN OR OBJECT SENSING USING
ADAPTIVE OPERATING POINT
CONTROL

EXAMINER: LYNDA C. JASMIN
ART UNIT: 3627
CONF. No: 3857

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Notice of Allowability mailed October 2, 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1-9 and 20. Although the applicant's attorney agrees with the Examiner's conclusion that these claims are allowable, the applicant's attorney notes that the claims may be allowable for reasons other than those identified by the Examiner and does not concede that the Examiner's characterizations of the terms of the claims and the prior art are correct.

Respectfully submitted,
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